

Effective March 1, 2002, the Social Security Administration no longer assigns Social Security Numbers when the sole reason for needing an SSN is to comply with a State statute that requires an SSN for issuance of a driver's license.

SSA will continue to issue SSNs to aliens who are not otherwise eligible for SSNs for the following nonwork purposes:

- A Federal statute or regulation requires that the alien provide his/her SSN to get the particular benefit or service; or
- A State or local law requires the alien to provide his/her SSN to get general assistance benefits to which the alien has established entitlement.

If You Need a Number for Tax Purposes, What Should You Do?

Beginning July 1, 1996, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) began assigning Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) to noncitizens who need to report income for tax purposes but who are not eligible for Social Security numbers.

To apply for an ITIN, you need to contact the IRS and ask for Form W-7 (Application for IRS

How does a non-citizen obtain a Social Security number to get a drivers license?

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Individual Taxpayer Identification Number).

You can contact IRS by:

- Calling the IRS toll-free number, 1-800-829-1040; or
- Accessing the IRS [web site](#) ; or
- Calling or visiting any [local IRS office](#) ; or

Writing them at:

IRS
ITIN Unit
P.O. Box 447
Bensalem, PA 19020